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**Regulatory Review; Gas Pipeline Safety
Standards; Correction**

**AGENCY: Research and Special
Programs Administration (RSPA),
DOT.**

**ACTION: Correction of the final
regulation.**

SUMMARY: This document corrects a final regulation published June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28770). The final regulation clarified the circumstances in which pipeline operators may adjust the boundaries of Class 2 and 3 locations that involve clusters of buildings. Because the regulation could have a significant, unintended economic impact on the gas pipeline industry, it is corrected to remove any substantive change to the rules governing boundary adjustment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

RSPA revised the class location definitions (§192.5) to provide clarity and minimize the possibility of needless design and construction expenditures (61 FR 28783; June 6, 1996). One revision concerned the boundary adjustment of Class 2 and 3 locations that involve a cluster of buildings intended for human occupancy (old §§ 192.5(f)(2) and (f)(3). With this adjustment, a Class 2 or 3 location on a pipeline ends 220 yards from the nearest building in the cluster. As revised, the adjustment applies only when all buildings in a 1-mile class location unit (the basis for classification under §192.5) are in a single cluster (new §192.5(c)(2)).

Since the revision was published, RSPA has learned that many operators customarily apply the cluster adjustment irrespective of buildings outside the

cluster. We also learned this practice has been tacitly accepted by RSPA enforcement personnel and may be consistent with instruction at RSPA's Transportation Safety Institute. Under these circumstances, the revised regulation could have a significant, unintended economic impact on the pipeline industry. Also, because this pipeline classification practice reflects the adjoining population density, the practice is consistent with pipeline safety. Therefore, we are correcting new §192.5(c)(2) so there is no substantive change from old §§ 192.5(f)(2) and (f)(3).

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on June 6, 1996, of the final regulations in FR Doc. 96-13787 is corrected as follows:

§192.5 [Corrected]

On page 28783, in the 2nd column, in §192.5, paragraph (c)(2) is corrected to read as follows:

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(c) * * *

(2) When a cluster of buildings intended for human occupancy requires a Class 2 or 3 location, the class location ends 220 yards from the nearest building in the cluster.

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